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SUBJECT: BENIN INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES

REF: COTONOU 0439

1. PROPOSED GPRB INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES ARE SIMILAR
TO RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT IN GUINEA FOR
12 YEARS. LIMITATIONS ON CONTACT WITH FOREIGNERS COMBINED
WITH CONFINEMENT OF FOREIGNERS TO REGION OF CONAKRY
HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO TURNING GUINEA
INTO AN ISOLATED, CLOSED SOCIETY.

2. SOON AFTER INSTITUTION OF SECURITY MEASURES GOG OFFERED
CERTAIN GUARANTEES TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL CONCERNING
CONSULAR ACCESS AND TO PROJECT ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL,
INCLUDING THE PEACE CORPS, CONCERNING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.
FAILURE OF THE GOG TO ABIDE BY THESE GUARANTEES WAS THE PRIMARY
REASON FOR THE FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE PEACE CORPS IN 1970.
COLLAPSE OF AID MISSION IN GUINEA WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF RE-
STRICTIONS ON CONTACT BETWEEN GUINEANS AND PROJECT PER-
SONNEL. MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE GPRB APPEAR LIKELY TO
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REPEAT THE GUINEAN EXPERIENCE LEADING PROBABLY TO SAME RESULTS.

3. GOG HAS NOT BEEN OVERLY IMPRESSED BY REFERENCES TO THE VIENNA
CONVENTION OR OTHER DIPLOMATIC COMMITMENTS. IF GPRB IS TAKING
LEASSON FROM SEKOU TOURE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY PRIVILEGES
OR GUARANTEES THAT DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS ABLE TO OBTAIN WILL BE
UPHELD IN PRACTICE WHENEVER THE REVOLUTION CHOOSES TO ABRIDGE

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